GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2398
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Cow Slaughter
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licenced slaughter houses in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware that a large number of cows are either being slaughtered illegally or smuggled to Bangladesh, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to enact any law to ban cow slaughtering in the country;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government to prevent unauthorised slaughtering, transportation and trade of cows and their smuggling to neighbouring countries; and

(e) whether the Government is contemplating to penalise the person accused of slaughtering cow by prosecuting them in fast track courts, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) The State-wise registered number of slaughter houses as on 31/03/2014 as reported by the States/UTs government is given in the annexure.

(b) to (e) Under the distribution of legislatives powers between the Union of India and States under Article 246(3) of the Constitution, the preservation of cattle is a matter on which the legislature of the States has exclusive powers to legislate. Therefore, it is up to the States to enact laws on slaughter of cows. All States/Union Territories have legislations on slaughter of cows except five States viz Arunachal Pradesh, Kerala, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland and one Union Territory i.e. Lakshadweep.

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Annexure
Statement referred to in reply of part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred
Question No. 2398 for 04-08-2015 Statement showing state-wise